

Ponderings of the *PRESIDENT*

I clearly remember when I walked down the aisle of Broadway Baptist Church fifty years ago and gave my life to Jesus Christ. The happiness that took root in my heart that day continues to grow and bring constant joy to my life! Although many years have passed since I made that life-changing commitment, the single memory that is clearly imprinted on my mind is the excitement and joy that my parents expressed when Christ became my Lord and Savior. The apostle John wrote, I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth (3 John 4). What happier thought can there be for any parent than seeing a child in love with God and serving Him? What greater challenge can we have as committed Christians than making the truth of this verse a reality in our own community?



Houston Baptist University also made a commitment 50 years ago – a commitment ensuring that every student entering its doors will walk in the truth as they receive a Christian education. It is thrilling to me that The Guild, as well, passionately upholds the theme in this verse of scripture. Since 1994 we have had the privilege of awarding scholarships to faithful educators who consistently model the Christian life. These teachers are impacting countless others as they encourage their students to walk in the truth.

In 2009, with the establishment of The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies, we have broadened even further the significance of 3 John 4. The goal of The Guild Institute is to promote and strengthen Biblical family values in a society that desperately needs to be walking in the truth. We can take pride in our support of The Guild Institute because it will have a far-reaching influence on our campus and in our city.

Our Lord has provided The Guild with tremendous opportunities this year. I look forward with great anticipation to the wonderful blessings He has planned as we continue to honor and serve Him!

In His service,
Kandy Brittain

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The Christmas Luncheon

The beautiful white poinsettias and silver trimmings inside the warm and cozy Hilton ballroom created a strong contrast to the very cold temperature, silver ice, and falling snow on the outside. It was Friday, December 4, the day of the 2009 Guild Christmas luncheon, and it was snowing in Houston! The stage was set for an uplifting time of anticipation and preparation for the Christmas season.

Guild President Kandy Brittain warmly greeted luncheon guests and introduced HBU President Robert Sloan. Kandy presented a check for \$50,000 to Dr. Sloan for the establishment of the Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies. He expressed great appreciation for this gift, shared some details about the Institute, and then inspired us with a beautiful Christmas message.

HBU music faculty members Melissa Givens, soprano, and Dr. Melissa Marse, pianist, brought the room to complete silence with their outstanding musical talent. We then heard from Guild Scholarship recipient Ranelle Woolrich. Like many recipients before her, she inspired us with her story of being helped by the Guild scholarship.

Featured speaker Cathy Jodeit shared from her heart and personal experience that “everyone has a story.” She reminded us that God still performs miracles and that we all need to find “our story.”

As we left the luncheon, there was a spirit of child-like excitement because our hearts had been touched. The snow was still falling and we rejoiced in this special gift from God above. A special thanks to Co-Chairs Annette Duggan and Judy Elleson and their committee for such a breathtaking afternoon.



Debra Perich and Ranelle Woolrich, Guild Scholar



Annette Duggan, Cathy Jodeit, featured speaker and Judy Elleson

Guild Institute Hosts Inaugural Lecture

The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies presented its inaugural lecture on March 29 in Belin Chapel. Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, nationally acclaimed speaker and founder and president of the Ruth Institute, delivered the address to an audience of more than 150 students, faculty, staff, community leaders, Guild members and guests. Her lecture was titled “What happened to the culture of marriage in the west? How can the Christian university restore a culture of marriage?”

Founded in 2009, The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies will serve to strengthen the Christian family through projects involving teaching, research, publications and outreach.

(Right) Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse and Kandy Brittain



(Bottom) Bill and Kandy Brittain, Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., and Allene Lucas



Silver Tea Honors Grace Gandy

The sun was shining on Thursday, March 11, as Guild members and their guests gathered to honor Grace Gandy and to celebrate the 19th annual Silver Tea. Sue Nan and Rod Cutsinger opened their River Oaks home to more than 250 “Angels” for the traditional afternoon tea. Thanks to the generosity of many members and friends, more than \$90,000 was raised to fund graduate scholarships for Christian teachers. A special thank you to the many committee members who worked tirelessly on this special project. Dr. Don Looser made the afternoon complete with his beautiful piano selections, and the delicious delicacies were catered by Stone Kitchen. This was, indeed, a glorious day.



Sue Nan and Rod Cutsinger



Kandy Brittain, Jane Caldwell, Grace Gandy and Anne Roper



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Letter from the Editor

I enjoy reliving the year through the Guild Newsletter. It seems like just yesterday that we were all thrilled with the snow falling at the Christmas Luncheon, and now the Silver Tea is already a sweet spring memory. I am so proud to be associated with a group of women who have a part in the Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies. It is my prayer that many families will be impacted by this new venture to honor the Lord and build up the family through HBU. The Guild has already impacted many lives with the scholarship program, and I am excited about this new aspect of our organization. You are a really forward-thinking group of ladies who see the possibilities that God can do with you and through you.

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Your “Fly on the Wall” Guild newsletter editor,
Cyndi Jacobson

Prayers

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”

— Isaiah 26:3

Joe Hunter Reynolds

Our prayers are with Susie Reynolds and her family. Susie’s husband, Joe, passed away on Dec. 19, 2009.

Installation Brunch

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10:00 a.m.

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